DEFERRAL BRIEFING

City Manager's Office Deferral to Combined Meeting of Council 2022 June 07 ISC: UNRESTRICTED C2022-0698

Defer development of an Administrative Penalties Bylaw due for presentation at Public Hearing in Q2 2022, to return in Q4 2022

At its 2021 May 31 Combined Meeting, Council deferred development and presentation of an Administrative Penalties Bylaw, and other related and necessary bylaw amendments, for presentation at public hearing no later than Q2 2022 (PFC2021-0781). Council had previously deferred the Administrative Penalties Bylaw at its 2020 December 14 Combined Meeting (C2020-1430).

The purpose of the two previous deferrals was to allow for analysis of the scope and financial impacts of Phase three of the Justice Transformation Initiative (JTI) and identify alignments with The City of Calgary efforts to modernize the administration and adjudication of bylaw offences. Phase three of JTI included plans to move municipal bylaw enforcement appeals out of Traffic Court and have them adjudicated by the provincial SafeRoads tribunal.

Since Council's deferral in 2021, a working group of stakeholders from the City Clerk's Office, Law, Intergovernmental Affairs and Corporate Strategy, the Calgary Parking Authority, Transit, Community Standards, the Corporate Project Management Centre, and Corporate Planning and Performance have been analyzing the risks and financial impacts that Phase three of the JTI would have on Calgarians and The City of Calgary.

On 2022 April 19, the Justice Minister and Solicitor General announced that the JTI initiative would not be proceeding any further, and that Phases two and three were cancelled.

In light of the 2022 April 19 announcement, a deferral is sought to ensure senior management is appropriately engaged about the Government of Alberta's recent change in direction on justice reform, to identify the best strategic options for The City of Calgary and bring them forward for Council's consideration.

The anticipated return to Council is 2022 December 06.